

The Importance of Your Retention/Retirement Date

As a new Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) or a Participating Individual Ready Reservist (PIRR), it's important for you to know how your Retention/Retirement (R/R) date is calculated, how it's used in establishing the R/R year, and why R/R years are important.

How is an R/R date established? The method used to establish your R/R date is based on the date you initially entered active service. Several factors determine the R/R date. The charts below list criteria to help you calculate your R/R date.

If you were gained to the AFR on or after 1 October 1995 and:	Your R/R date is:
You have no break in service	The date you initially entered active service
You have a break in service	Reestablished as the day after the break
If you were gained to the AFR prior to 1 October 1995 and:	Your R/R date is:
You have no break in service	The date you entered active Reserve status
You entered a regular status or had a break in service	

Note: A break in service is any non-creditable period of time: civilian status, Temporary Disability Retired List (TDRL), Inactive Status List Reserve (ISLRS), Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP), Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), Retired Reserve and Inactive National Guard (ING) time.

Other factors:	Time is:
If you entered the Delayed Entry Program (DEP) on or before 31 December 1984	Creditable
If you entered the DEP between 1 January 1985 and 28 November 1989	Not creditable
If you entered the DEP on or after 29 November 1989	Creditable
If you are an officer with academy time	Not creditable
If you are an enlisted with academy time	Creditable
If you had inactive public health service	Not creditable
If you had active public health service	creditable

If you have any questions about your R/R date, please contact the Initial Audit Branch toll-free at 1-800-525-0102; by mail: HQ ARPC/DPPKA, 6760 E. Irvington Pl., Denver, CO 80280-2110

How is the R/R date used in establishing the R/R year? The R/R date starts your R/R year. For example, if your R/R date is 1 June, your R/R year would begin 1 June and end 31 May of the following year.

Why should I care about R/R year? As the name, Retention/Retirement Year suggests, how you participate within R/R years can affect both your retention in the participating Reserve program and also your eligibility for a Reserve retirement.

For a satisfactory R/R year, you must earn a minimum of 50 retirement points (35 plus 15 membership).

In order to be eligible for a Reserve retirement, you must earn at least 20 satisfactory years of service and the last 6 or 8 years of qualifying service must be in a Reserve component. Further, R/R year is the basis for calculation for retirement points, a factor in the determination of the amount of money you would receive for retired pay.

Finally, your R/R years are a factor in determining your promotion potential. For officers, the promotion boards evaluate participation by looking at the point history. For airmen, the point history is used to verify total years of enlisted service, which determines eligibility for promotion, by local promotion boards.

Points earned are reflected on the AF Form 526, ANG/USAFR Point Credit Summary. You should receive your AF Form 526 approximately 60 days after your R/R year ends. Reviewing your AF Form 526 upon receipt and correcting any discrepancies immediately alleviates problems in the future.

Questions? If you have questions about your points, satisfactory service, or eligibility for retirement, contact us at the numbers listed above or visit our website at arpc.afrc@arpc.denver.af.mil .